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MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES IN U.P
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government has taken any steps to bring certain temples in Uttar Pradesh under the patronage of Archaeological Survey of India for maintenance and development; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) The Archaeological Survey of India is in charge of protection and maintenance of the centrally protected monuments which have been declared so under the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. In the State of Uttar Pradesh a total number of 742 monuments/sites have been declared as centrally protected, out of which 138 are temples. The conservation, preservation and environmental development of the protected monuments is an ongoing process which is being undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India .